Table 2.
OASI retirement benefits, by type of beneficiary, August 2005–August 2006

Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
2005						
August	33,323	30,306	2,537	479		
September	33,377	30,360	2,536	481		
October	33,407	30,391	2,532	484		
November	33,442	30,427	2,529	486		
December	33,467	30,455	2,524	488		
2006						
January	33,595	30,583	2,519	492		
February	33,671	30,658	2,517	496		
March	33,719	30,706	2,513	500		
April	33,754	30,741	2,509	503		
May	33,793	30,781	2,506	505		
June	33,824	30,825	2,503	497		
July	33,811	30,832	2,497	482		
August	33,803	30,830	2,492	481		
	Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)					
2005						
August	30,520	29,080	1,215	225		
September	30,583	29,143	1,214	227		
October	30,626	29,186	1,212	228		
November	30,717	29,274	1,213	230		
December	32,016	30,515	1,260	241		
2006						
January	32,206	30,703	1,259	244		
February	32,305	30,800	1,259	246		
March	32,376	30,871	1,257	248		
April	32,436	30,931	1,255	250		
May	32,490	30,985	1,254	252		
June	32,544	31,045	1,252	247		
July	32,554	31,065	1,249	240		
August	32,560	31,074	1,247	240		

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Month	All beneficiaries	Retired workers	Spouses	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
2005						
August	915.90	959.60	478.70	469.90		
September	916.30	959.90	478.70	470.50		
October	916.80	960.30	478.80	471.40		
November	918.50	962.10	479.60	473.00		
December	956.70	1,002.00	499.40	493.00		
2006						
January	958.70	1,003.90	499.80	494.90		
February	959.40	1,004.60	500.00	495.60		
March	960.20	1,005.40	500.10	496.40		
April	961.00	1,006.20	500.20	497.20		
May	961.40	1,006.60	500.20	497.80		
June	962.20	1,007.20	500.30	497.60		
July	962.80	1,007.60	500.40	497.10		
August	963.20	1,007.90	500.40	497.80		

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are for the end of the specified month.

Some Social Security beneficiaries are entitled to more than one type of benefit. In most cases, they are dually entitled to a worker benefit and a higher spouse or widow(er) benefit. If both benefits are financed from the same trust fund, the beneficiary is usually counted only once in the statistics, as a retired-worker or a disabled-worker beneficiary, and the benefit amount recorded is the larger amount associated with the auxiliary benefit. If the benefits are paid from different trust funds the beneficiary is counted twice, and the respective benefit amounts are recorded for each type of benefit.

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